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WASTE PREVENTION

Pat was hired in a lumber office. The proprietor was a young man and he decided to have some fun with the new hand, so Pat was left in charge of the office, with instructions to take all orders which might come in. Going to a near-by store, the proprietor called up the office.

"Hello! Is this the East Side Lumber Company?"

"Yis, sorr."

"Send me up 1000 knot holes."

"What's that?"

"One thousand knot holes."

"Well, now, an' ain't that a shame! We are just out of them. Sold them all to the brewery."

"To the brewery? What do they want with them?"

"They use them for bungholes in barrels."—The Groundhog.

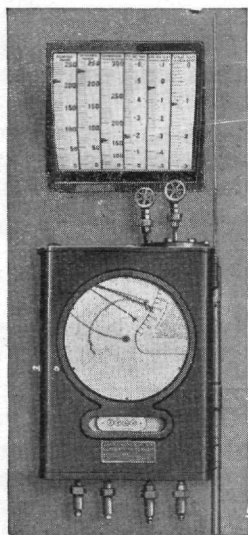
The following is a reply of a fond father, who had just received a letter from his son, a student in his own Alma Mater.

"My Dear Son—Accept my heartiest congratulations. I was engaged to the same Miss Hunter when I was in college, and can appreciate the fun you are having. Go to it while you are young. Your loving father."—Webfoot.

A colored cook came home after midnight from a revival meeting shouting at the top of her voice. Her employer, letting her in, said:

"Aunt Mandy, this is all foolishness. Religion shouldn't be so noisy. Tell that preacher of yours to give a sermon on the building of King Solomon's temple, which arose without even the sound of a hammer. And remember that real religion is quiet and peaceful."

"Lawd, honey," answered Aunt Mandy, "Us niggers ain't aimin' to build no temple yit. We is jes' blastin' now!"—The Pennsylvania Triangle.



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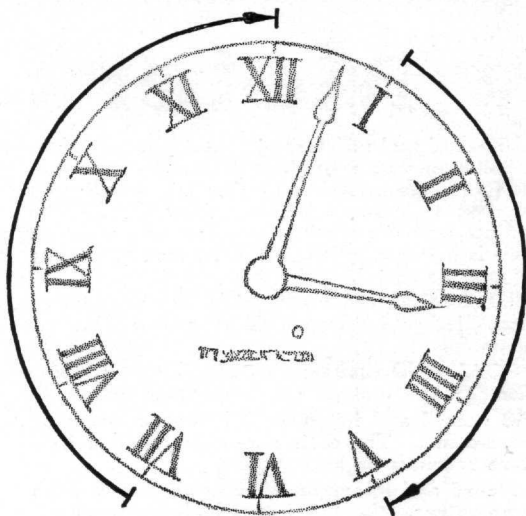
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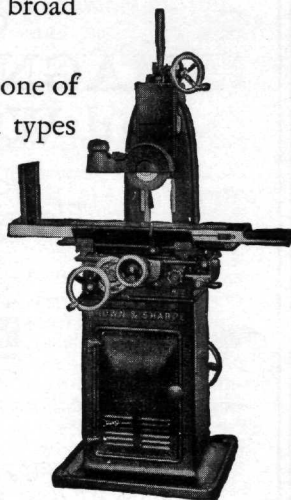
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A Londoner with a reputation as a pugilist had gone from London to fight a Scot farmer whose great strength had been praised in the press. He entered the yard of the Scot, tied his horse to a tree and approached the farmer, who was working near by.

"Friend," he said, "I have heard a great deal about you. I have come a long way to see which of us is the better wrestler."

The Scotchman, without answering, seized the young man by the middle of the body, pitched him over the fence and returned to his work. When his lordship recovered his breath he stood silent.

"Well," said the farmer, "have you anything more to say to me?"

"No," was the reply, "but perhaps you'll be good enough to throw me my horse."

TELEPHONE ERROR

Bill Jones' wife had gone to another city to consult a doctor. Bill celebrated the occasion by sending the children to their grandmother and inviting some friends out for a poker party. While the game was in session the telephone rang.

"Postal Telegraph speaking," said the impersonal voice on the phone. "Telegram for Mr. William Jones."

Read it," said Jones nervously.

"Regret to state your wife has tumor. Signed F. B. Hopkins, M. D."

Jones dropped the receiver and turned a white face to his friends.

"Heavens," he said, "my wife has twins."

A colored maid returned from an afternoon off with her broad face wreathed in smiles.

"Well, Mis' Cahtah," she announced, "Ah's married!"

"Congratulations, Hernia," said her mistress. "Did you get a good man?"

"'Deed Ah did," was the proud reply. "Dat niggah was so good de warden cut fo' months off'n his time."—Goblin.

There had been a train wreck and one of two traveling authors felt himself slipping from this life.

"Goodbye, Tom," he groaned to his friend. "I'm done for."

"Don't say that, old man!" sputtered his friend. "For God's sake, don't end your last sentence with a preposition!"—Goblin.

Billy (who has caught his father kissing the maid): "Whatcha doin', dad, with the maid?"

Thompson: "Bring me my glasses, son; I thought it was your mother."

THERE'S A REASON

A Scotch farmer had agreed to deliver twenty hens to the local market. Only nineteen, however, were sent, and it was almost evening before the twentieth bird was brought in by the farmer.

"Sandy," said the merchant, "you're late with this one."

"Aye," agreed Sandy, "but ye see she didna' lay until this afternoon."